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Mr. George Keck Chairman, Libby Area Technical Assistance Group P.O. Box 53 Libby, MT 59923

Dear George,

Thank you for your kind and generous letter. Receiving your letter yesterday was a nice surprise after a tiring late night drive from Visalia, CA where I had been working with their school district.

It was an honor for me to meet and work with you, Rita Windom, Gordon Sullivan and the other fine Libby folks who attended the September Workshop. I was also impressed with the dedicated crew that EPA has working on the clean up in your town. I'm glad to know that my small contribution has helped things along.

After meeting and getting to know Jim Christiansen and Wendy Thomi, I know they take your town's interests seriously and to heart. Knowing that Jim and Wendy are there working with you and making sure that the clean up gets done correctly and quickly is reassuring to me. I hope that you will find similar comfort knowing that.

It was also a pleasure to have another chance to visit Montana. My first visit was at the beginning of my career thirty years ago. I would not have imagined then that I would have a second opportunity at the end of my career to visit your beautiful state again. I saw some nice changes on my drive to Libby, but the State's natural beauty remains intact like I remembered it.

I look forward to visiting Montana again, and I wish you and your town a bright future.

Sincerely yours,

Captain Alvin Chun, USPHS

Senior Environmental Health Policy Advisor

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Wendy Thomi